

REMARKS

There remains pending in this application claims 1-13, of which claims 1, 12, and 13 are independent. No claims have been added or cancelled.

The above amendments are being presented to address minor informalities and to utilize language that is consistent throughout the application. More specifically, the Examiner is referred to page 17, lines 1-4, of the specification, which make clear that the positioning means and the sheet material displacing means are the same element. Applicants have amended the claims to utilize consistent terminology throughout. Now, each instance of the positioning means/displacing means is identified in the claims as the positioning unit.

The above amendments are not believed to change the scope of the claims but merely improve upon their form and render their language internally consistent and clearer. Accordingly, entry of those amendments is respectfully sought.

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